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**WOMAN FORGER**  
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Mrs. Lorraine Fraser De Vine, real estate operator of Berkeley, Cal., recently indicted by the Alameda county grand jury, has confessed to forging a will leaving herself \$30,000 of the estate of Mrs. Mary L. Swain of Berkeley, deceased. In default of \$5,000 bail Mrs. DeVine remained in jail, although stoutly maintaining her innocence. After admitting her guilt to the officials, she still assured her husband she was innocent, and her plea of guilty was a shock to him.

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**"Local Color"** means a lot of hard work sometimes. James Otis, who years ago wrote "To-by Tyler or Ten Weeks With a Circus" which has delighted thousands of youngsters, got his local color by working as assistant treasurer of a circus for 10 weeks.

**SWIPED A BARBER'S POLE, BUT WONT DON STRIPES**

New York, Feb. 21.—"Ha! Vengeance is mine," quoth Henry Campbell, 14, as he dragged a barber pole noisily down Amsterdam avenue.

"Sure, and you're mine," broke in a big policeman, grabbing Henry by the shoulder and rudely shattering his dream of r-r-venge. "What's it all about?"

Then Henry opened his heart—and mouth—and poured forth his tale of woe to the copper.

"There's a Dago member of the tonsorial Mafia up the street here, and I'm getting even with him for murder. He murdered my hair for fair. Have a look."

The copper looked. Henry's hair was cut like a French poodle in distress. It looked like justification, but the copper had to take him in. Henry repeated his story to the judge:

"Judge, my mother sent me to get my hair cut. But she didn't send me to get decorated like a thatch roof on a Hottentot hut. The barber used real scissors, judge, but it looks like a goat had been chewing my noodle. And he charged 15 cents, too. So I swiped the pole."

The magistrate admitted the haircut was all the youth claimed, and reluctantly sent him to the Gerry society.

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 Hickory Dickory Dock,  
 A mouse ran up the clock,

The clock was sold  
 To a maiden old,  
 Oh dear, oh dear! what a shock!